

# **MATLAB Algorithms for Rapid Detection and Embedding of Palindrome and Emordnilap Electronic Watermarks in Simulated Chemical and Biological Image Data**

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## **Abstract**

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## **Introduction**

### **Watermarking Materials**

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## **Objective**

The standard approach (Ref 2-4) to watermarking involves putting the cover image in the first 4 significant bits of each pixel and the watermarked image in four least significant bits. Most watermarking tools look for this pattern. But a new class of image has come to our attention called "palindrome and emordnilap". This new type of image may be causing some watermarking detection tools to miss their target.

## **Data**

Photograph of building credit:

Post Office and Custom House, Battery Street, San Francisco

CALL NUMBER: LOT 3544-37, no. 138 [item] [P&P]

Find any corresponding online LOT(group) record

REPRODUCTION NUMBER: LC-USZ62-27229 (b&w film copy neg.)

## **Method and Results**

Matlab code is give in table marked program 1 and program 2. This is the code that extracts the lower and upper bits in each image and recombines them into the palindrome image and the watermark

Step by step details of the process are given on page 3.

## **Conclusions**

1. Palindrome and Emordnilap watermarking is possible in copyrighted and non copyrighted materials
2. Since they are easily detected and removed Palindrome and Emordnilap watermarks are probably not the best of ways to watermark the rightful owner's signature showing that this material is his copyrighted work
- 3 Palindrome and Emordnilap Watermarked images are easily detected and decoded
4. The Matlab code can easily be paralleled on multiple computers. One computer per image.

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### General Reference

A very good online web reference on Watermarking  
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## Program 2

### MATLAB code to display watermarked images

#### watermark\_flip\_display.m

```
function y= watermark_flip_display (watermark_image)
%show that images are palindromes and emordnilaps
image(watermark_image/255) %divide image by 255
axis image % set axis of figure
title('orginal image') % title
figure(gcf) % pick current figure window
pause % pause

[I,J,K]=size(watermark_image); % save dimentions of image
watermark_image=dec2bin(watermark_image,8); % change to 8 bit
binary
watermark_image=fliplr(watermark_image); % flip matrix left to right
watermark_image=bin2dec(watermark_image); % change to decimal
watermark_image=reshape(watermark_image,I,J,K); % reshape to
image size
image(watermark_image/255) % display image
axis image % pick axis and image shape
title('flipped image') % title after flipped left right
figure(gcf) % pick the most current figure window
```

### Program 1. Matlab Code for watermark\_test.m M file

```
a=double(imread('custom_a.jpg'));%load in image one
b=double(imread('custom_b.jpg'));%load in image two

[I,J,K]=size(a); % save dimentions of both images
% both images used as input are the same size

a=dec2bin(a,8); % change a into binary 8 bits
b=dec2bin(b,8); % change b into binary 8 bits

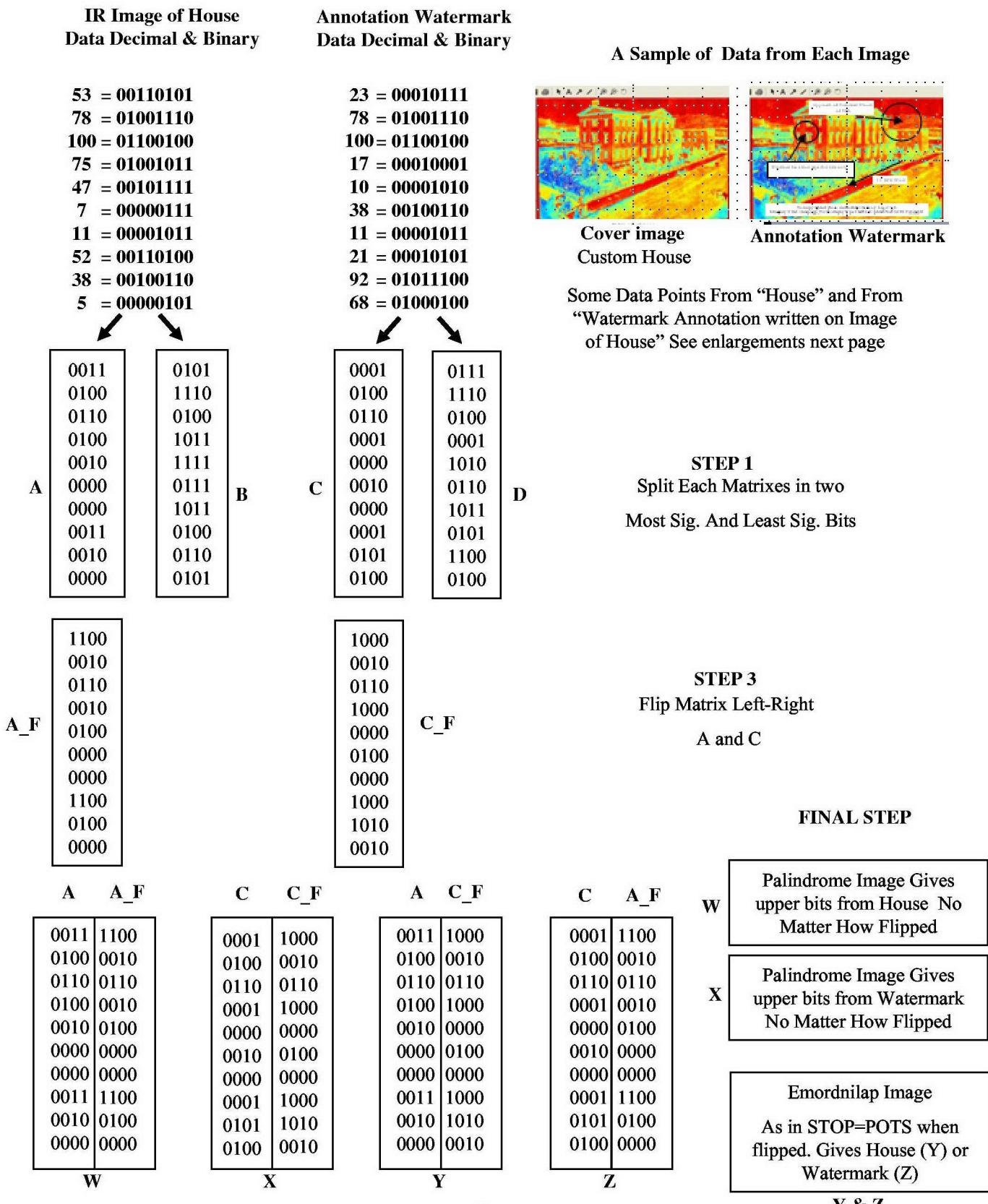
a=a(:,1:4); % keep the 4 high bits MSB most sig bits
b=b(:,1:4); % keep the 4 high bits LSB least sig bits
a_flip=fliplr(a); % flip the matrix left-right
b_flip=fliplr(b); % flip the matrix left-right

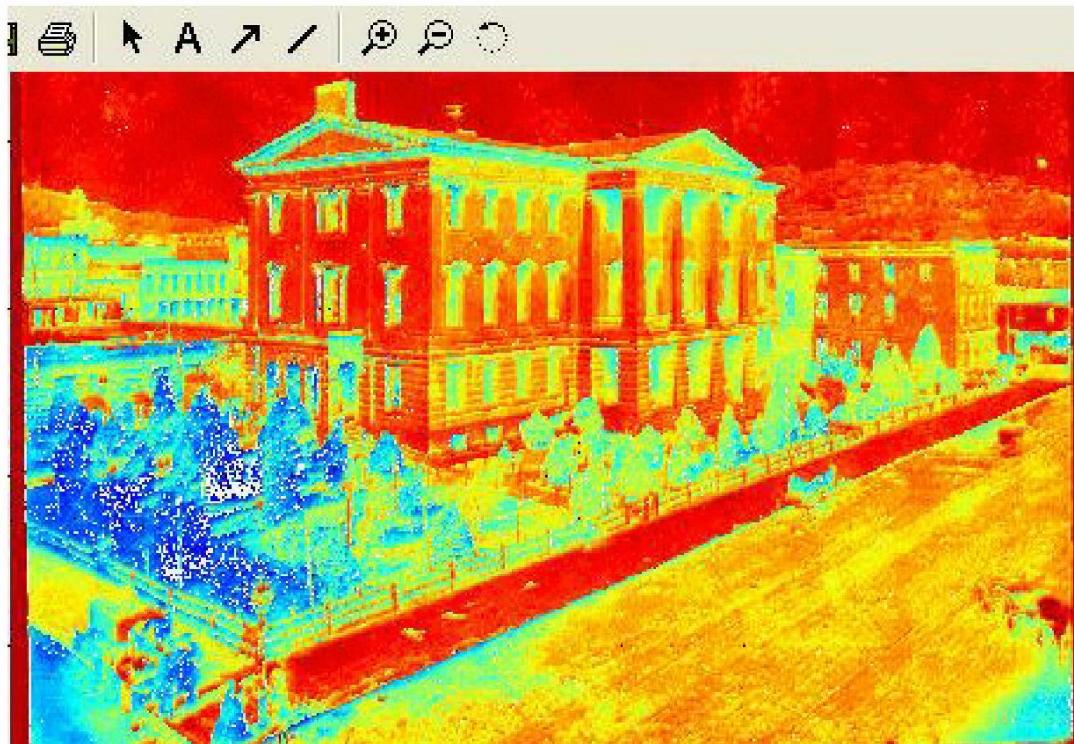
a_a=[a,a_flip]; % make a palindrome matrix of just a
b_b=[b,b_flip]; % make a palindrome matrix of just b
a_b=[a,b_flip]; % make a emordnilap matrix a with a
%watermark of b
a_a=bin2dec(a_a); % change a_a from binary to decimal
b_b=bin2dec(b_b); % change a_a from binary to decimal
a_b=bin2dec(a_b); % change a_b from decimal

a_a=reshape(a_a,I,J,K); % reshape to look like a picture
b_b=reshape(b_b,I,J,K); % reshape to look like a picture
a_b=reshape(a_b,I,J,K); % reshape to look like a picture

watermark_flip_display(a_a) % show orginal & flipped same
pause % pause
watermark_flip_display(b_b) % show orginal & flipped same
pause % pause
watermark_flip_display(a_b) % orginal & flipped different
```

## Step by Step description of process for making Palindrome watermark





IR Image Number one:Cover Image

Original Photograph: non copyrighted Located at [http://memory.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/r?pp/ils:@filreq\(@field\(NUMBER+@band\(cph+3a28019\)\)+@field\(COLLID+lawhou\)\)](http://memory.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/r?pp/ils:@filreq(@field(NUMBER+@band(cph+3a28019))+@field(COLLID+lawhou)))



IR Image Number two : Annotation Watermark

Watermark showing some of the conditions that occurred during a simulated cloud release of SF6 in low wind conditions. Also note the photograph credit at the bottom of the photograph